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I DID NOT KNOW

I did not know that I should miss you,
  So silver-soft your loving came—
There were no trumpets down the dawning,
  There were no leaping tides of flame:

Only a peace like still rain falling
  On a tired land with drought foredone,
Only a warmth like light soft lying
  On a shut place that had not sun.

I did not know that I should miss you . . .
  I only miss you, day and night,
Stilly, as earth would miss the rainfall;
  Always, as earth would miss the light.

PRESCIENCE

I went to sleep smiling,
  I wakened despairing—
Where was my soul,
  On what terror-path faring?
What thing shall befall me
  By midnight or noon?—
What does my soul know
  That I shall know soon?

Margaret Widdemer